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Non-Application of Deductible for Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests

Provider Types Affected

Physicians and providers who provide colorectal cancer screening services to Medicare beneficiaries

Impact on Providers

Effective January 1, 2007, Medicare will waive the annual Medicare Part B deductible for colorectal cancer screening tests billed with the HCPCS codes listed in the following chart. While the deductible will be waived, and will not apply for colorectal cancer screening test services furnished on or after January 1, 2007, the Medicare Part B coinsurance still applies for these screening tests.

HCPCS Screening Code	Code Description
G0104	Colorectal cancer screening: Flexible sigmoidoscopy
G0105	Colorectal cancer screening: Colonoscopy on individual at high risk;
G0121	Colorectal cancer screening: Colonoscopy on individual not meeting criteria for high risk
G0106	Colorectal cancer screening: Barium enema as an alternative to G0104, screening sigmoidoscopy
G0120	Colorectal cancer screening: Barium enema as an alternative to G0105, screening colonoscopy

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Currently (prior to January 1, 2007, for colorectal cancer screening test services furnished before January 1, 2007), **the annual Medicare Part B deductible AND coinsurance apply to the above codes.**

Please note that the annual Medicare Part B deductible and coinsurance **do not apply** for the following tests.

- **G0107** (colon cancer screening; fecal occult blood tests (FOBT), 1-3 simultaneous determinations); and
- **G0328** (colon cancer screening; as an alternative to G0107; fecal occult blood test, immunoassay, 1-3 simultaneous determinations).

Background

This policy is directed by Section 5113 of the Deficit Reduction Act (DRA) of 2005. It amends Section 1833(b) of the Social Security Act (SSA) by eliminating the requirement of the annual Part B deductible for colorectal cancer screening tests furnished on or after January 1, 2007.

Additional Information

SE0613 "Colorectal Cancer: Preventable, Treatable, and Beatable: Medicare Coverage and Billing for Colorectal Cancer Screening" contains pertinent information. It can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNMattersArticles/downloads/SE0613.pdf> on the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) website. This special edition also includes links to other resources related to colorectal cancer screening and Medicare-covered preventive services.

The manual attachment to CR5127 (*Medicare Claims Processing Manual*, Chapter 18, "Preventive and Screening Services", Section 60.1 "Colorectal Cancer Screening; Payment") contains additional information about colorectal cancer screening. CR 5127 is the official instruction issued to your Medicare carrier or fiscal intermediary (FI) regarding changes mentioned in this article. CR 5127 may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/Transmittals/downloads/R1004CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have questions, please contact your Medicare carrier or FI at their toll-free number, which may be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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